

App. No. 10/808,620
Amendment Dated: March 12, 2007
Reply to Final Office Action of September 11, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 9 and 16 have been amended as set forth above to further clarify the elements of the claims. No new matter has been added.

A telephonic interview was held on January 23, 2007 between Examiner Huynh and Applicants' attorney, Timothy Sullivan. The Applicants thank Examiner Huynh for his time. During the interview, Mr. Sullivan discussed the current structure of the claims, the teaching in the specification, and the teaching of the prior art. Even though Applicants believe the elements of the claims, as presented previously, are allowable over the cited prior art, Applicants have amended some elements of the claims to help expedite allowance of the claims. The amendments set forth herein are presented in light of the January 23, 2007 interview. A formal agreement as to allowability was not reached. The Applicants understand, however, that Examiner Huynh, believes that the arguments presented during the interview with regard to the claim amendments applied to the prior art cited in previous Office Actions is convincing. It is Mr. Sullivan's understanding that another prior art search will be conducted with regard to the amended claims. Applicants respectfully request another interview with Examiner Huynh if this Amendment does not bear allowable subject matter.

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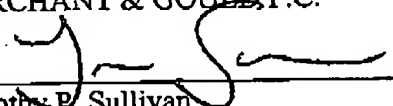
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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this preliminary amendment. Should any further aspects of the application remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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